

Amendments to the Specification

At page 1, paragraph [0001]:

--The present application is a ~~divisional~~
continuation application of copending application 10/009,196,
nationalized December 10, 2001, which is the national stage
under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international application
PCT/JP00/03746, filed June 9, 2000, which designated the
United States, and which application was not published in the
English language.--